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SUBJECT: HABIB ACHOUR COMMENTS ON AFL-CIO RELATIONS  
WITH ICFTU

1. MARCH 13 FRENCH LANGUAGE L'ACTION CARRIED REMARKS BY SECRETARY GENERAL HABIB ACHOUR OF GENERAL TUNISIAN LABOR UNION (UGTT) ON HIS RETURN FROM ICFTU MEETING IN BRUSSELS. ACHOUR DESCRIBED STATEMENTS HE HAD MADE IN MEETING IN WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED THE POSITION OF FREED TRADE UNIONISM AS WEAK EVERYWHERE EXCEPT EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA. HE NOTED TRADE UNIONISM IN THE U.S. IS THE STRONGEST AND BEST ORGANIZED IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND CONTRIBUTES GREATLY TO THE CREATION OF A TRADE UNION MOVEMENT, BUT, UNHAPPILY IT RETIRED TO WORK ON ITS OWN THROUGH THE AFRICAN AMERICAN LABOR CENTER. HE SAID THIS HAS CONTRIBUTED TO TOTAL DEFEAT OF THE CENTER AND THE WEAKENING OF THE FREE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT. HE COMMENTED FURTHER THAT IF GEORGE MEANY CONTINUES TO SPURN THE ICFTU, "WE WILL BE OBLIGED TO CONSIDER HIM RESPONSIBLE FOR WEAKENING THE MOVEMENT ... (HE) WHO COURAGEOUSLY DEFENDS FREE TRADE UNIONISM AND LIBERTY, OUGHT TO JOIN US." ACHOUR SAID HE HAD PROPOSED THAT ICFTU SECRETARY GENERAL AND A DELEGATION SEE MEANY

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AND SEEK AFL-CIO REAFFILIATION. IF THIS IS REFUSED,

ICFTU OUGHT TO CONSIDER HIM AS SOMEONE WHO DEMAAGES FREE  
TRADE UNIONISM.  
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